

Remarks

Claim 22 has been amended into independent claim format by incorporation of the limitations of claim 17. The second limitation of dependent claim 44 has been incorporated into parent claim 43. Written description is found in original claim 44.

Claim 44 has been amended to incorporate the limitation concerning R_1 from claim 46.

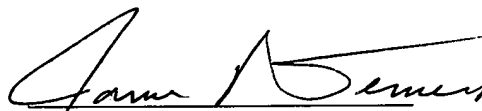
Claim 46 has been amended to be in independent form and to incorporate the limitations of cancelled claim 47. Claim 46 has been further amended to remove CF_3 from the group associated with R_1 . CF_3 is a substituted lower alkyl and the originally-filed claim improperly recites a Markush group not having mutually exclusive alternatives. Written description support is found in originally filed Claim 46.

New claim 49 is supported in the specification at page 12, lines 5-7.

Applicants submit that the above amendments do not introduce new matter, and respectfully request entry of the amendments prior to examination on the merits. Applicants also submit that the amendments do not broaden the scope of the claims, and that the USPTO-prepared international preliminary examination report is therefore applicable to the amended claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that they are entitled to the appropriate reduced examination fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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